

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-26

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS
IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 26**

WHEREAS, cities are the economic engine of California and the vitality of cities and the State's economic recovery is dependant on their fiscal stability and local autonomy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Biggs supports protecting local control and funding for vital local services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Biggs has had to cut its public safety recent budget by 42% to ensure a balanced budget, and that unwarranted fiscal limitations imposed on our community will lead to additional hardship and reduced services for our city's residents; and

WHEREAS, all local taxes, assessments, and property-related fees (such as for water and sewer and refuse collection services) already are required to be subject to local voter approvals; and

WHEREAS, locally elected city council members are already currently responsible and accountable to the city constituency for the analysis and adjustment of electric utility rates; and

WHEREAS, similar voter approval requirements do not apply to tax increases proposed by the State Legislature.

WHEREAS, local governments have made the necessary cuts and enacted local balanced budgets on time, which has not been the practice of the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has repeatedly sought to raid local funding and constrain local control rather than adopt balanced budgets that reflect the state's needs and resources; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 26 on the November 2, 2010, California state ballot –while attempting to address the authority of the State Legislature to raise revenue – overreaches and seeks to impose additional and unjustified constraints on local governments; and

WHEREAS, by arbitrarily imposing a new definition of "taxes" applicable to local government in the state Constitution, Proposition 26, if approved, will invite additional litigation and tend to destabilize existing funding for local public safety, electric utilities, health, transportation, and environmental protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Biggs hereby opposes Proposition 26 on the November 2, 2010, California state ballot.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing **RESOLUTION** was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Biggs, held on the 18th day of October, 2010 by the following vote:


AYES: Council Members: Thompson, Frith, Arnold, Bottorff & Crawford


NOES: Council Members: _____

ABSENT: Council Members: _____

ABSTAIN: Council Members: _____

ATTEST:


Roben Dewsnap, CITY CLERK


Roger L. Frith, MAYOR